

## **Peninsula Belgian-American Club**

**Purpose: To keep Belgian heritage alive**

**History: Founded in 1963 at Namur, Door County, Wisconsin.** Since 1974, biennial exchange visits have been made with "sister" club, the Wallonie-Wisconsin Society of Namur, Belgium. In 1994 PBAC erected a State Historical Marker commemorating the designation of a 3,500 acre area in southern Door County as a National Historic Landmark, and as the Namur Belgian-American Rural Historic District.

### **July 27, 1995 Twenty Years to Remember**

*It's like a dream, and it's hard to believe twenty years passed since our Belgian cousins first came to visit us here in Wisconsin. So many of us found our long-lost cousins and we made new friends.*

*We know the Belgians enjoyed their trips here just as we surely have enjoyed our trips to Belgium. We hope that our friendships and our visits will continue.*

*Introduction at 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at The Rendezvous by Harry Chaudoir, President of the Belgian American Club*

**June 27, 1975** Two hundred seventy-six visitors arrived in the Brown/Kewaunee/Door area for a two-week American tour.

**Second visit July 2-11, 1977**

**Third visit August 3 & 7 – August 16, 1976**

**Fourth visit – July 3-15, 1981**

**Fifth visit – July 1 – 13 1983**

**Sixth visit – July 3/5 – 17, 1985**

**06 July 1985 The Dedication of Monument at "AUX PREMIERS BELGES" AT CHAMPION/ROBINSONVILLE**

**Seventh visit – July 2 – 19, 1987**

**Eighth visit – July 1 – 19, 1989**

**Ninth visit – July 5 – 25, 1991**

**Tenth visit – July 3 – 28, 1993**

**DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER, JULY 9, 1994**

Belgian Settlement in Wisconsin erected 1993

**Eleventh visit – July 2 – 26, 1995**

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**Twelfth visit – July 8-1997**

**Thirteenth visit – June 15 – July 15, 1999**